

# SEXUAL OFFENDER TREATMENT PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**DATE**: September 13, 2004

**PLACE**: Department of Health

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Deborah Doane

Victoria Foedisch Ione S. George Bruce Harris Jan Horning Jack Sowers Judge Gary Tabor Lang Taylor Roger Wolfe

**STAFF:** Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director

Peter Harris, Staff Attorney Traci Black, Program Manager Kitty Slater, Program Manager

Hyon Yi, Staff Support

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Lang Taylor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The agenda was approved as presented. The June 14, 2004 minutes were amended from reading "A motion was passed that DOH propose legislation to increase the maximum fine permitted for each violation identified in disciplinary cases." The new language will be changed to read "Allow for cost recovery in Statement of Charges (SOC) and to increase amount for fine per violation in SOC". The amendments will be made to the June minutes and, if approved, be signed at the December committee meeting.

# **Disciplinary/Licensing Report**

Kitty Slater, Program Manager shared the following statistics: (As of September 10, 2004).

# **Complaint/Disciplinary Statistics:**

Open Cases 4
Intake/Assessment 0
Investigation 1
Case Disposition 3

#### **License Statistics:**

Full Certification Sex Offender Treatment Providers:

Active-105 Inactive-1 Expired-36

Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Providers:

Active-46 Inactive-0 Expired-85

Totals for Both Certifications

Active-151 Inactive-1 Expired-121 Candidate-41

There was a discussion regarding sexual offenses alleged or proven on both applicants and currently certified providers. The discussion focused around denying or revoking a certification due to these circumstances. Bruce Harris suggested that the committee consider charging a fee to do a yearly background investigation on, not only applicants, but all fully certified and affiliate SOTP's. Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director mentioned the possibility of doing a feasibility study which would look at imposing a fee to conduct these yearly background investigations.

## **Program Report**

**Budget-** Kitty Slater, Program Manager, presented the June 2004 budget report for the Sex Offender Treatment Provider Program. The SOTP Program is maintaining a budget that continues to remain close to the same as what has been alloted.

**Newsletter**- Kitty Slater, Program Manager, shared with the Committee the last newsletter that was published in Fall of 2002. Committee members raised questions about what to send. Committee members were encouraged to send educational materials relative to the profession.

**Rules Update** – Kitty Slater shared with the committee that there are rule writing workshops scheduled for the CR101 process. The rules need to be amended due the passage of HB2849, Eliminating credentialing barriers for Sex Offender Treatment

Providers. The workshops are scheduled in Kent on September 24, and in Spokane on September 27, 2004. Committee members are encouraged to attend.

The CR105 for the SOTP housekeeping rules has moved forward for public comment. If no public comment is received, the rules will be adopted with amendments.

**Committee Appointments** - Currently there is one vacant position on the committee. Bruce Harris, representative for the Department of Corrections, resigned his position on the committee effective October 1, 2004. Program staff has started the recruitment efforts to fill the vacant positions on the Committee.

**Miscellaneous -** Committee members and providers are encouraged to join the Department of Health, Sex Offender Treatment Provider Electronic Communication Software (ListServ program). ListServ allows the interested person that joins the list to be notified of newsletters, articles of interest, agendas and meeting minutes via e-mail.

Lang Taylor, Committee Chair will be attending the ATSA conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 27-30, 2004. We look forward to

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

<b>Future Meetings</b>	
December 13, 2004	Tumwater
March 14, 2005	Kent
June 13, 2005	Tumwater
September 12, 2005	Kent
December 12, 2005	Tumwater
Review of meeting  Hyon Yi, Staff Support reviewed the major points of the meeting.  Adjournment  The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.	
Kitty Slater, Program Manager	Lang Taylor, Chair